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S/N 09/868,408**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant:	Robert Moerman et al.	Examiner:	Jan Ludlow
Serial No.:	09/868,408	Group Art Unit:	1743
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APPLICANT'S INTERVIEW SUMMARY

On October 26, 2005 an interview with Examiner Ludlow was conducted to discuss the above referenced application. Present during the interview were Arpad Kupecz (Applicant's foreign associate) with Janeen Vilven (Applicant's attorney of record) attending via teleconference. The topic discussed during the interview was the Office Action dated 7/28/2005 and the rejection of claims 1-20 as obvious over Moon (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0092195).

Applicant reviewed the teaching of Moon with the Examiner with particular attention to figure 24C. The Examiner admitted that her understanding of Moon was flawed and that the distance between the capillary tip and the target was not the distance illustrated in figure 24C but instead an intermediary distance between the capillary tip and the target.

Applicant's identified fundamental differences between the reference of Moon and Applicant's invention as claimed. Specifically the lack of teaching for the 1-10 mm distance between the capillary tip and the target in the embodiments that the Examiner believes makes Applicant's invention obvious. The Examiner recognized that the distance from the capillary tip to the target of Applicant's invention as claimed is not the same as the distance between the capillary tip and the orifice of figure 24C of Moon. Further, the Examiner recognized there is no express teaching on the record for a distance between the capillary tip and the target illustrated in figure 23B.

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The Examiner suggested that the distance between the capillary tip and the target (.25-.5 mm) disclosed in the Exhibit A document referenced in the rule 131 Declaration filed March 22, 2005 might be patentable over Moon. The Examiner on October 27, 2005 confirmed (after having discussed the same with her supervisor) that embodiments of the method having a distance of 250-500um between the tip of the capillary and the target is patentable over Moon as this geometry finds 37 CFR §112 support in the priority document and was disclosed prior to the Moon reference.

Further still, the Examiner stated that Applicant's arguments made during the Examiner Interview may overcome the obviousness rejection of Moon if submitted in a Reply to the Office Action dated 7/28/2005. The Examiner went on to state that more persuasive still, in addition to argument, would be if Applicant provided test results wherein the narrower range of less than 2 mm distance between the tip of the capillary and the target produced improved and unexpected results over deposition of sample on a target from the tip of a capillary at a distance of greater than 3um.

Respectfully submitted,



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